

BOYS ON THE GRIDIRON.

THE INTERSCHOOL STRUGGLE FAIRLY UNDER WAY.

Columbia Grammar School and De La Salle Institute will probably fight it out in the State York Race St. Paul School is favorite for the latter game series.

There is an unusual amount of interest displayed among the students of the various schools of the local and Long Island interscholastic Association over the outcome of the football series. Here the race will undoubtedly be a close one between Columbia Grammar School and De La Salle Institute while across the big bridges of Putnam school of Garden City leads the parade. It is nearly a month since the first call for candidates was issued and the material has been looked over carefully, the boys sifted into first and second elevens, and the qualities of the man picked noted. The graduate coaches and captains have placed the boys in the positions for which they seem most suited, and it is no wonder that the make-up of the teams will be clinched materially.

The most interesting item in interscholastic circles during the past week was the receipt of a letter from the New England Interscholastic Association suggesting that the next year's football season be held at Hartford. This is certainly the representative scholastic teams of Greater New York and Boston. Such a contest would be a fitting wind-up to the interscholastic season, and the only question is where can the game be played. It is hardly possible that a Boston school will consent to play in the city owing to the fact that the grounds from the funds of some roadways at Eastern Park in 1906, when the English High School played here. At that time the latter had a \$21 fine imposed to pieces by hoodlums.

The Boston schools bear no ill feeling toward the New York schools, but they will not again play in New York. If such a contest takes place the game will probably take place at Hartford. The latter has caused considerable speculation among the teams as to which will be the representative team. The English High School of Boston, it is expected, will again be the fortunate ones, while in the case of the fight for the trophies will be a hot one. The result of the local series will have to meet the winner of the Long Island series, and the result of the game will decide the representative eleven of Greater New York.

The preparatory schools of Brooklyn have for many years been more advanced in football than the New York schools, but this year seems to be an odd one. Mostly all of the star players have been lost by graduation. The new material has shown up so well that the loss of a few champions will not be as severely felt as at first supposed. At any rate six of the seven schools in the league will enter teams.

There is considerable disunion among the schools regarding a junior league. It has been the feeling for many years that a junior football series should take place. The project seems to have gained the approval of all the scholars interested. The latter, however, have not the control they used to have and the question really rests with the principals. The year first suggested such a move last year, when the New York Interscholastic Association made arrangements for a junior league. There are many boys in the schools who are anxious to play the game, but are barred owing to their light weight. Brooklyn Latin School and Adelphi Academy for several years back could not compete with the other schools in the League, owing to the lightness of their teams. While they might be able to continue as a strong junior team it is hardly possible that they can organize a team heavy enough to buck up against such heavy eleven as Brooklyn Prep, St. Paul, etc.

Forty candidates of the "Poly Prep" school team have been at the parade grounds, Frank C. Dudley, an old and experienced coach, has been considerably upset through Kernan's captain, entering the freshmen class in the Polytechnic Institute. Dudley says he would as it leaves him three or four of his players on the team. They are Lane Montague, Crane and Beyer. The former was a member of the staff of the name of Froese are favorites for Kernan's place. Coach Dudley says it is just a bit too early to say what kind of a team can be moulded from the material on hand, but if he, a candidate for centre, is attracting attention. He stands at a foot and weighs 275 pounds. He came from a Texas school and has a good record in football.

Physical Director Voorhees of Pratt Institute is doing considerable hustling trying to get the consent of the principal of the school to allow the large boys to play with the team. Lane and Taylor are two of the youngsters that the physical director is an ideal centre. The latter makes the scale at 200 pounds and Taylor balances 200. Dir. Voorhees says the latter would make an ideal centre. The school that made such a strong bid for the championship six years ago, forming six are back—Carr, Merwin, French, Ashley, Parsons, Varian and Mortus. The other five players are—Gardner, Marlette, MacWhiskerson, Richardson and Afrander. S. B. White, who came to the institute from Toledo, Ohio, is being considered as a possibility for the position. The line will average about 180 pounds. The backs will be D. M. McLaughlin, Cornell, vs. The latter is an old High School boy. He went to Cornell and played for three years. He was one year and manager during his last season. He coached the University of Vermont last fall and turned out a good team. The other five players are—Pratt, an old Amherst captain, is also coaching, as is howie, captain of the Princeton team of 1906. A new boy who has recently joined is Garrison, a 10-pounder. He is a good football player and also has a reputation as a pitcher.

Prof. Edgell, an old Amherst player, is in charge of the schedule at Erasmus Hall. MacNulty, who is acting captain, is slated for the place permanently. Gambler, who distinguished himself in college, is playing in the team. Nicholas, last year's left-end, is also playing in good form. The cone glue brothers are both making a good impression at left half and quarter back. Dan Lyon and Lookewitz are working at guard with Meyer and Westcott.

Nothing is being done to turn out a winning team at Brooklyn High School, and if plenty of good coaches can make a team the school should succeed. The school meets. The advice of such men as Van Winkle, Yale, 100; Finsgar, Yale, 100; Clebert, Yale, 100; and Manson, Yale, 100, will certainly do the eleven good. The candle dates are training hard at the school's grounds, Beaconmont, and it is expected that the team will be fully organized in a week.

In answer to queries made by the Times regarding the annual games last week between High and St. Paul schools the following are the official records:

1901.—St. Paul School, 24; Brooklyn High School, 0.
1902.—St. Paul School, 20; Brooklyn High School, 15.
1903.—No game.
1904.—Brooklyn High School, 16; St. Paul School, 0.

1905.—St. Paul School, 15; Brooklyn High School, 0.
1906.—St. Paul School, 15; Brooklyn High School, 0.
1907.—Brooklyn High School, 15; St. Paul School, 0.
1908.—St. Paul School, 20; Brooklyn High School, 0.
1909.—St. Paul School, 25; Brooklyn High School, 0.

The official record of the Brooklyn High and "Poly Prep" series is as follows:

1902.—"Poly Prep" School, 20; Brooklyn High School, 0.
1903.—Brooklyn High School, 12; "Poly Prep" School, 6.
1904.—"Poly Prep" School, 16; Brooklyn High School, 0.
1905.—Brooklyn High School, 16; "Poly Prep" School, 12.
1906.—Brooklyn High School, 6; "Poly Prep" School, 0.
1907.—Brooklyn High School, 55; "Poly Prep" School, 0.
1908.—Brooklyn High School, 17; "Poly Prep" School, 0.
1909.—"Poly Prep" School, 11; Brooklyn High School, 0.

Dr. Hare, who has brought out so many winning teams at St. Paul's School of Garden City, will try and do the same this year. All indications point to a string continued for the present year. The candidates started into practice last week, and although the team is not yet ready, it is pretty safe to say material College Hare is confident he can get them in shape to win the honors. The Football Council of the New York Interscholastic High School Athletic League has arranged the following schedule for the season:

Oct. 20.—Commercial High School vs. Jersey City High School; Flushing High School vs. Manhattan Training High School; Morris High School vs. Manual Training High School.
Oct. 27.—Jersey City High School vs. Manhattan Prep High School; Flushing High School vs. Manual Training High School; Morris High School vs. Commercial High School.
Nov. 3.—Jersey City High School vs. Morris High School; Flushing High School vs. Commercial High School; Manual Training High School vs. Manhattan Prep High School.
Nov. 10.—Jersey City High School vs. Manual Training High School; Flushing High School vs. Morris High School; Commercial High School vs. Manhattan Prep High School.
Nov. 17.—Jersey City High School vs. Flushing High School; Manhattan Prep High School vs. Morris High School; Manual Training High School vs. Commercial High School.

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